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STATUTORY PROVISION FOR MINING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any statutory provision in the country for holding dialogue between the Government and future investors in the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the prevalent mechanism to address the concerns of mining industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): There is no provision in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act 1957) for holding dialogue between the Government and future investors in the mining sector. However, Section 30 of the MMDR Act 1957 provides for redressal mechanism for any person affected by an order of the State Government or any of its Authority through revision process. Further, in order to address concerns of Mining Sector, including streamlining the process of grant of mineral concessions, the Ministry of Mines has set up a Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CCEC) on 4.3.2009 involving all major mineral producing State Governments, Central Ministries including Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Shipping (Ports), Ministry of Environment and Forests etc. The CCEC has held 9 meetings so far on various issues pertaining to mining sector.